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(ca. 1891-1968)
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INTRODUCTION

The Robert T. Quarles, Jr., Papers, 1940-1954, chronicle the career of Robert T. Quarles, Jr., (ca. 1891-1968) as Director of the Tennessee State Archives, Recording Secretary of the Tennessee Historical society, President of the Tennessee Historical Society, and as Secretary Emeritus of the Tennessee Historical Society. The papers were placed on deposit with the Tennessee Historical Society by Robert T. Quarles, Jr.

The collection occupies .84 cubic feet of shelf space, number approximately 500 items. Single photocopies of unpublished writings in the collection may be made for the purposes of scholarly research.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Robert Thomas Quarles, Jr. Papers, concentrated largely during the years 1940 through 1954, although there are some items that date back to 1779. The collection contains approximately 500 items and two volumes, and consists of accounts, materials on associations/institutions, cards, cemetery records, clippings, correspondence, financial documents, genealogical data, invitations, lists, memorials, military records, notebooks, notes, notices, passes, photographs, poetry, printed materials, programs, railroad papers, reports, sketches, speeches, stamps, tax materials, and writings.

The collection documents the career of Robert T. Quarles, Jr. (ca. 1891-1968) as a member of the Tennessee Historical Society, as Director of the Archives Division, State of Tennessee, and as Recording Secretary, and as President of the Tennessee Historical Society, Nashville, Tennessee.

Correspondence for the years 1940-1953 consists primarily of the incoming correspondence of Robert T. Quarles, Jr. Fourteen letters by Robert t. Quarles, Jr., 1946-1952, are also included. Prominent correspondents include B. O. Duggan, McAllen Foutch, R. B. C. Howell, James MacGill, and Robert H. White. Primary subjects deal with requests for information from the Tennessee State Archives or matters relating to the Tennessee Historical Society. The collection includes five letters considered to be of historical interest dated 1901-1937. The senders were W. A. Bass (1937); the British Museum (1904); Rev. J. A. Moore (1927); Mrs. Thomas M. Stegar (1910); and an unknown author.

Associations/institutions records are for the Tennessee Historical Society, 1803-1954. These records relate to applications for membership, constitution, donations and gifts, dues, election of officers, inventories, life members, minutes, reservations, and statistical reports.

Military records include maps and notes relating to the Civil War, 1862-1865; a memorandum dated 1846; muster rolls, 1793-1898; report of troops furnished in various wars, 1902; and special orders, 1812-1861.

Railroad papers relate to correspondence between J. W. Thomas, President of the Nashville, Chattanooga, and St. Louis Railway and Jere Baxter, President of the Tennessee Central Railway Company, 1901; Judiciary Committee Hearing Proceedings, n.d.; a public hearing regarding Tennessee Central Railway Company, n.d.; a speech by J. W. Thomas, n.d.; and stock subsidiaries provided to various railroads, 1848-1892.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Robert Thomas Quarles, Jr.

ca. 1891 - Son of Robert Thomas Quarles and Flora Hoodenyl Quarles of Nashville; place of birth unknown. Attended Nashville schools.

ca. 1909 - Became a member of the Tennessee Historical Society.

1913-1961 - Served as Director of the Archives Division, succeeding his father who became the first director in 1903.

1942-1957 - Elected to serve as Recording Secretary of the Tennessee Historical Society.

1957-1959 - Served as President of the Tennessee Historical Society.

1959-1966 - Served as Recording Secretary of the Tennessee Historical Society and maintained custody of the Society's historical collections.

1966 - Elected as first life member of the Tennessee Historical Society and made Secretary Emeritus; cited for his many contributions to the Tennessee Historical Society.

1968 - Died, September 8, in Davidson County, buried in Nashville.

Sources:

Tennessee Historical Society *Quarterly*, Vol. 27, Winter, 1968, p. 409.
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